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HONOURABLE KYE M. RYMER

ON PROPOSED 25% IMPORT TARIFF ON VIRGIN ISLANDS GOODS TO USVI

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Greetings Virgin Islanders at home and abroad.

By now you are aware that the United States Virgin Islands (USVI) Governor Albert Bryan Jr. has requested a session of the U.S.V.I legislature to deliberate on a proposed 25% tariff on imports coming from The Virgin Islands.

The Government of the Virgin Islands assures the public that constructive dialogue has commenced with the Bryan Administration regarding this important issue for all stakeholders concerned.

We reaffirm our government’s commitment to maintaining the strong familial and economic ties that bind the VI and USVI. These ties are rooted in mutual respect, shared history, and a spirit of collaboration. We are dedicated to addressing this matter through open communication and good governance to ensure that the interests of our people and businesses are protected.

As discussions progress, we will provide timely updates to ensure clarity and reassurance for all residents.

The Virgin Islands remains steadfast in its dedication to fostering a collaborative environment that supports sustainable growth and strengthens our relationship with our USVI neighbours. I encourage residents to stay informed through official channels as we navigate this matter together.

Thank you.

And may the good Lord continue to bless these beautiful Virgin Islands.